

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 64

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate David Veridal upon his receipt of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, 1.1 million Tennessee volunteers give over 143.9 million hours of community service, contributing \$3.4 billion to Tennessee's economy; and

WHEREAS, they are the backbone of our communities, and by giving their time and talents to fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, these individuals should be recognized, not only to appreciate their efforts, but also in the hope that it will encourage others to step up and make a difference; and

WHEREAS, David Veridal of Newport is one such exemplary person, who is a recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award in recognition of his laudable commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as chairman of the board of Keep Cocke County Beautiful, Mr. Veridal and a group of his fellow board members focused on eliminating illegal dumpsites along the roadsides throughout Cocke County; upon approval from the county legislative board in 2008, Remove Illegal Dumpsites (RID) was created; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Mr. Veridal, the RID campaign has led to the cleaning of almost 200 dumpsites and the collection of more than 150,000 pounds of debris and almost 7,000 tires; Mr. Veridal's management and leadership ability have been evident in the campaign's organization, the engagement of necessary volunteers, and the collaboration with the Sheriff's Department, who made inmate labor available for the effort; and

WHEREAS, David Veridal also lends his time and talents to other county initiatives focusing on litter prevention, recycling, and beautification; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Veridal is a model citizen, and his commitment to helping others through volunteerism is representative of the Volunteer State, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor David Veridal for his outstanding community leadership, congratulate him as an esteemed recipient of the Governor's Volunteer Stars Award, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.